

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

FTX TRADING LTD., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

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) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
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) (Jointly Administered)
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) Obj. Deadline: November 20, 2023 at 4:00 pm (ET)
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**SUMMARY COVER SHEET TO THE NINTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION
OF FTI CONSULTING, INC., FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT
OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD AUGUST 1, 2023
THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023**

Name of Applicant:	FTI Consulting, Inc.
Authorized to provide professional services to:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of Retention:	Order entered February 15, 2023, effective as of December 22, 2022 [Docket No. 730]
Period for which compensation and reimbursement are sought:	August 1, 2023, through August 31, 2023
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$1,928,838.80 (80% of \$2,411,048.50)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$10,487.46
This is an:	<u> X </u> monthly <u> </u> interim <u> </u> final application.

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COMPENSATION BY TIMEKEEPER

Professional	Position	Specialty	Billing Rate	Total Hours	Total Fees
Chesley, Rachel	Sr Managing Dir	Communications	\$ 1,075	5.7	\$ 6,127.50
Baldo, Diana	Sr Consultant	Communications	525	19.0	9,975.00
Jasser, Riley	Consultant	Communications	400	15.9	6,360.00
McNew, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Cryptocurrency	1,200	17.4	20,880.00
de Brignac, Jessica	Managing Dir	Cryptocurrency	910	40.4	36,764.00
Leonaitis, Isabelle	Sr Consultant	Cryptocurrency	595	25.1	14,934.50
Vazquez Ortiz, Fredrix	Sr Consultant	Cryptocurrency	595	2.0	1,190.00
Kamran, Kainat	Consultant	Cryptocurrency	440	17.4	7,656.00
Busen, Michael	Sr Managing Dir	Data & Analytics	1,325	5.7	7,552.50
Garofalo, Michael	Senior Director	Data & Analytics	935	57.8	54,043.00
Jordan, Mason	Sr Consultant	Data & Analytics	635	62.0	39,370.00
Kimche, Livia	Consultant	Data & Analytics	475	114.1	54,197.50
Risler, Franck	Sr Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,725	107.4	185,265.00
Roussikh, Valeri	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,300	134.1	174,330.00
Diodato, Michael	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,210	161.1	194,931.00
Kubali, Volkan	Managing Dir	Derivatives	1,210	84.0	101,640.00
Watson, Ching	Managing Director	Derivatives	1,210	14.2	17,182.00
Majkowski, Stephanie	Senior Director	Derivatives	1,100	175.4	192,940.00
Guo, Xueying	Director	Derivatives	975	175.3	170,917.50
Langer, Cameron	Director	Derivatives	920	173.2	159,344.00
Baer, Laura	Senior Director	Forensic Accounting	975	11.0	10,725.00
Fiorillo, Julianna	Director	Forensic Accounting	835	2.7	2,254.50
Steven, Kira	Director	Forensic Accounting	835	66.0	55,110.00
Famiglietti, Tyler	Sr Consultant	Forensic Accounting	695	34.3	23,838.50
Marsella, Jenna	Sr Consultant	Forensic Accounting	635	168.0	106,680.00
Turano, Lauren	Sr Consultant	Forensic Accounting	635	128.0	81,280.00
Reid, Matthew	Consultant	Forensic Accounting	475	137.7	65,407.50
Tantleff, Alan	Senior Managing Dir	Real Estate	1,250	20.6	25,750.00
Walden, Michael	Senior Director	Real Estate	800	27.4	21,920.00
Kang, Nicholas	Consultant	Real Estate	395	4.7	1,856.50
Simms, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,495	57.5	85,962.50
Joffe, Steven	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,325	3.6	4,770.00
Diaz, Matthew	Sr Managing Dir	Restructuring	1,325	52.4	69,430.00
Bromberg, Brian	Managing Dir	Restructuring	985	178.5	175,822.50
Gray, Michael	Sr Consultant	Restructuring	695	137.3	95,423.50
Dawson, Maxwell	Sr Consultant	Restructuring	635	128.6	81,661.00
Sveen, Andrew	Consultant	Restructuring	475	121.7	57,807.50
SUBTOTAL				2,687.2	2,421,298.5
Less: 50% Non-Working Travel Time					(10,250.00)
GRAND TOTAL				2,687.2	\$ 2,411,048.50

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY

Task Code	Task Description	Total Hours	Total Fees
2	Cash & Liquidity Analysis	169.1	\$ 127,457.50
5	Real Estate Issues	33.4	29,716.00
10	Analysis of Tax Issues	5.8	6,963.00
11	Prepare for and Attend Court Hearings	2.4	3,588.00
13	Analysis of Other Miscellaneous Motions	70.5	93,749.00
14	Analysis of Claims/Liabilities Subject to Compromise	498.3	526,224.00
16	Analysis, Negotiate and Form of POR & DS	347.9	306,009.50
18	Potential Avoidance Actions & Litigation	802.0	523,507.50
21	General Meetings with UCC and UCC Counsel	50.0	65,585.50
24	Preparation of Fee Application	70.9	38,258.50
25	Travel Time	20.0	20,500.00
26	Cryptocurrency/Digital Assets Issues	562.8	638,248.50
27	Communications Planning & Execution	39.5	21,280.00
29	Exchange Restart	14.6	20,211.50
SUBTOTAL		2,687.2	2,421,298.50
Less: 50% Non-Working Travel Time			(10,250.00)
GRAND TOTAL		2,687.2	\$ 2,411,048.50

SUMMARY OF EXPENSES

Expense Type	Amount
Electronic Subscriptions	\$ 6,000.00
Lodging	2,233.63
Travel Expenses	2,072.83
Working Meals	181.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 10,487.46

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AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2023**

Pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-2 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Local Rules”), the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* (the “Administrative Order”) [D.I. 435], the consulting firm FTI Consulting, Inc., together with its wholly owned subsidiaries (“FTI”), as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) appointed in these chapter 11 cases, hereby submits this *Ninth Monthly Fee Application of FTI Consulting, Inc., Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, for Allowance of*

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Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period August 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023 (the “Application Period”).

BACKGROUND

1. On November 11 and November 14, 2022² (separately or collectively, the “Petition Date”), the Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases by filing petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the “Chapter 11 Cases”).

2. On December 20, 2022, the U.S. Trustee filed an *Amended Notice of Appointment of Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [D.I. 261] appointing the Committee.

3. On February 15, 2023, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing Retention of FTI Consulting, Inc. as Financial Advisor for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [D.I. 730] (the “Retention Order”).

RELIEF REQUESTED

4. FTI submits this Fee Application pursuant to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Administrative Order, and the Retention Order. By this Fee Application, FTI seeks (i) allowance of compensation for actual and necessary professional services rendered in the amount of \$2,411,048.50 for the Application Period³, (ii) payment of \$1,928,838.80 (80% of the total fees for the Application Period), and (iii) reimbursement of \$10,487.46 for actual and necessary expenses incurred, in accordance with the terms of the Administrative Order. FTI reserves the right to request, in subsequent fee applications, reimbursement of any additional fees and expenses incurred during the Application Period, as such fees and expenses may not have been captured in FTI’s billing system as of the date of filing this Fee Application.

² November 11, 2022 is the Petition Date for all Debtors, except for Debtor West Realm Shires Inc.

SUMMARY OF FEES

5. The total number of hours expended by FTI professionals and paraprofessionals in performing services for the Committee during the Application Period was 2,687.2 hours. Pursuant to the Retention Order, FTI is entitled to monthly compensation for its services provided to the Committee at its current hourly rates, plus reimbursement of necessary out of pocket expenses.

6. Services rendered by (i) each professional and paraprofessional, (ii) a summary of the time incurred by task, (iii) detailed time entries during the Application Period, (iv) summary of the expenses incurred by task, and (v) detailed expense entries are attached hereto as **Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, Exhibit D, and Exhibit E**, respectively.

7. Services provided by FTI during the Application Period included, but were not limited to, analysis of the Debtors' cash holdings and liquidity, claims valuation analysis, waterfall recovery analysis, investigative work regarding potential avoidance actions and litigation, analysis regarding the Debtors' cryptocurrency and digital asset holdings, analysis of the Debtors' cybersecurity environment and related issues, and work regarding the possibility of a restart of the Debtors' pre-petition exchange.

ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

8. FTI also incurred actual and necessary out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$10,487.46. **Exhibit E** also includes a detailed statement of this expense broken down by category. FTI reserves the right to request, in subsequent fee applications, reimbursement of any additional expenses incurred during the Application Period, as such expenses may not have been captured in FTI's billing system on the date of filing this Fee Application.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, FTI respectfully requests allowance of compensation for professional services rendered as financial advisor to the Committee during the Application Period in the amount of \$2,411,048.50 and actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$10,487.46 and payment of \$1,939,326.26 (80% of the total fees for the Application Period and 100% of expenses) pursuant to the Administrative Order, and such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: October 30, 2023

FTI CONSULTING, INC.

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Committee of Unsecured Creditors of
FTX Trading Ltd., *et al.*

VERIFICATION PURSUANT TO DEL. BANKR. L.R. 2016-2(g) AND 28 U.S.C. § 1746

I, Matthew Diaz, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, to the best of my knowledge and belief, and after reasonable inquiry, declare as follows:

1. I am a Senior Managing Director with the consulting firm FTI Consulting, Inc., together with its wholly owned subsidiaries (“FTI”). FTI has rendered professional services to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) in these Chapter 11 cases.

2. I have read the foregoing statement of FTI for compensation and reimbursement of expenses (the “Fee Application”). To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed upon the basis of my participation in this case, as well as after reasonable inquiry, the facts set forth in the foregoing Fee Application are true and correct and materially comply with the applicable orders, rules, guidelines, and requirements as set forth by the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Del. Bankr. L.R. 2016-2, and the Executive Office for the United States Trustee.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Executed on: October 30, 2023

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